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## *Thinking Out Loud*

By H. M. L.

Now we know we are at war. Onions have advanced. One gets three for a dime. The grocer says they cost him 6 cents a pound delivered here in Nevada City. But we are not going to let onions and their high price make us weep. It may be a hardship for some of us to get along without this loud flavored vegetable, but if all the onions were to vanish from the planet during this emergency, to many of us, it would be no heart-breaking matter. We would gladly turn to leeks, which we offer here and now as a happy compromise between common politeness and boisterous bad manners.

But when it comes to beans, anything that happens to them in the way of advancing prices is of vital importance. The whole toothsome tribe of beans, dried, string or fresh, or shelled, is vital to national happiness. The constitution gives us a right to pursue happiness, and if beans prices soar we shall not be able to pursue it. So we warn all growers, middle men and retailers to be careful of hiking up the price of beans. We have had too much of sugar. There have been too many sugar daddies and sweet mommas in our national literature and, we daresay, in real life. There has been too much sugar in a lot of things. Even now we hear that war contractors are receiving more sugar than these times warrant. Rationing sugar at three fourths of a pound per person per week is no hardship anyhow. There will be, in years to come, a great decrease in diabetes as a result of sugar rationing. The market for insulin is due for a slump.

Just take a look at health statistics on the little British Island. They have had to do without a lot of things they never thought they could do without, and as a result they are much healthier than in the fat years of the 1920's. The more fat those English lose the madder they get and the harder they fight. Another five years or such a matter they will be so mad they may even invade the continent. And that, after Dunkirk, Crete, Singapore and probably Rangoon, would be something. So far we, ourselves, have had nothing much to brag about except McArthur, but with another belt tightening or two, we shall all be rarin' to go, and if our generals and admirals won't lead us, we will draft Wendell Wilkie for the job and go anyway. We might as well die in the act of assaulting the inhospitable shores of Japland, as to perish here at home for lack of tires, sugar and typewriters..

Speaking of Japs and what we are doing about them here at home, we note that there will be a real need for vegetable gardens, this summer, whether victory perches on our banners or not. For if we are going to move all Japs into the interior away from our truck farms, we are morally certain no white man, even in time of war, is going to take their place. The Jap is just naturally built close to the ground, a little higher than a snake's nether side, and truck gardening is naturally adapted to their build. They don't have to hunch over much to cultivate, weed and harvest garden sass. Even our visiting Okies shied from the job, preferring to live on the bounty of a merciful government rather than bend the knee over young cabbages.

It is rather late now, we suppose to offer any tips to heads of the Golden State, or to Uncle Sam's Army and Navy, regarding disposal of this low living and close-to-the-ground tribe that have gradually over a long term of years, cornered the vegetable business in California. But still, belated as this suggestion is, we will offer it.

Why not put some of our home guards at work, riding herd on the Jap vegetable growers, instead of moving them off into the desert

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## City Business Accomplished In Smooth Manner

The business of the city was accomplished in clock-like manner Thursday night by the city council and for the first time in months was not marred by bickering or arguments.

Four members of the council were present, Mayor Ben Hall, Frank Davies, Dr. John R. Ive and Irvine Seaman.

The councilmen greeted a large delegation from the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, who requested the council act to improve Pioneer Park and Seaman's Lodge, not only from the standpoint of local use but also for use of soldiers and civilians who will be stationed at the Nevada-Yuba army cantonment.

Superior Judge George L. Jones acted as spokesman for the group and ably presented to the council reasons for the beautification and improving of the park. The council members expressed themselves in accord with the views expressd by Judge Jones and other members of the delegation and asked that the group submit to the council their plans and specifications for the work, together with an approximate cost of the undertaking. The council members expressed themselves willing to call a special meeting if necessary, to go over the plans with the committee.

The matter of abolishing the position of Tom White, street cleaner, accomplished at the February session, was reopened but the council men expressed no willingness to rescind their previous action and restore White to his former position.

Without dissension, the council agrees that Superintendent of Streets Herbert Hallet and Chief of Police Max Solaro should share the police duties while Officers J. J. Jackson and James Allen are off one day each week. Constable James Williams, who had been filling in on the off days of the others officers, resigned.

Bills for month of February:

Sam Hooper $115.00; Max Solaro $96.50; Geo. H. Calanan $20.00; H. S. Hallett $170.00; James Allen $135.00; J. J. Jackson $135.00; Richard Holub $35.00; Miles D. Coughlin $12.50; Mrs. Emma Foley $12.50; Dr. E. M. Roesner $40.00; PGE $267.61; Ed Christenson $14.70; Save More Store $1.03; W. W. Williamson $10.12; Louie Kelley $7.00; James Williams $50.00; Tom White $35.00; Alpha Stores $101.98; Marysville Tractor and Equip. Co. $39.92; Tom Arden $3.25; Reita D. Curnow $12.50; Tyler's Photograph $17.25; Patrick Moise Klinker $85.48; C. R. Hadley Co. $4.28; Shebleys Garage $5.66; McKesson & Robbins Inc. $62.11; Sam Hooper 80c; Union Pub. Co. $137.69; Pacific Tel and Tel $14.00; Dick Lane $2.01; Geo. W. Gildersleeve $13.39; Clark Garage $16.09; Ernest Young $130.00; Ted Sigourney $125.00; Nick Sandow $125.00—$2,053.37.

City treasurer's report for month of February:

Receipts: Balance in treasury $11,715.15. Water collections $1,515.75. Licenses $029.00; Dog licenses $53.00; Building permits $2.00; Pac. Tel. and Tel. Co. franchise $382.69.—$2,162.44. $13,877.59.

Disbursements: Warrants paid on general fund $2,299.11. Warrants paid on fire fund $78.12. Warrants paid on library fund $225.67—$2,602.90.

Balance in treasury, $11,274.69.

Balance in fire fund $388.08. Balance in library fun $1,725.05. Balance in general fund $9,211.56.

## FIREMEN HONOR ART STETSON

Art Stetson, who acted as instructor for the first aid classes held here, is the proud possessor of a large Red Cross first aid kit, presented to him at a banquet held by the Nevada City Fire Department here.

The kit was suitably inscribed. The inscription read:

"Presented to Art Stetson by the Nevada City Fire Department in grateful appreciation of his patriotic gesture in training its first aid classes."

Stetson has spent many hours in training local persons in the art of first aid and the gift was a token of thanks. The presentation was a surprise to Stetson and he considered the kit and the spirit in which it was given sufficient recompense for his services.

### PURCHASES PROPERTY

Dr. Orvin Fry of the Miners Hospital reportedly has purchased the Campbell property on Zion Street.

## SCENES AT SITE OF MOUNTAIN TRAGEDY

Photos Courtesy Sacramento Bee

The pictures were taken at the Bradley-Turner Gravel Mine in the isolated, mountainous area in southwestern Sierra County, where sometime during the last two weeks Charles Scanlan, III, is believed to have murdered his father, mother and Arvard Boyd Snyder, a welder, then committed suicide. Top, officers inspect the dwelling in which the bodies of young Scanlan and his mother were found; lower right, a view of the clean-up shed on the mining property, where Charles Scanlan, II, and Snyder were killed; lower right, the dog which remained faithful to his trust and guarded the bodies of Mrs. Scanlan and her son from wild animals.

# Insanity Believed To Have Prompted Sierra Youth To Slay Three, Kill Self

Except for a formal inquest, authorities have closed their investigation into what probably can be called the most tragic episode in the criminal annals of Sierra County.

The tragedy snuffed the lives of four persons, Charles Scanlan, II, Mrs. Charles Scanlan, Charles Scanlan, III, and Avard Boyd Snyder.

Sheriff Dewey Johnson of Sierra County is of the belief, and this theory is shared by other investigating officers, including Owen Kessel of the state bureau of criminal identifacation, that Charles Scanlan, III, a youth of 20, killed his parents and Snyder and then ended his own life.

The officers theorize young Scanlan, who at one time was confined to a state institution for feeble minded, had suddently gone violently insane, perpetuated the murders and then fired a bullet from the gun with which he killed the other three into his own body.

The scene of the tragedy was at the Bradley-Turner Mine, seven miles above Camptonville. The mine was known formerly as the Pleasant View.

The bodies of the mother and son were found by Bob Beame last Wednesday afternoon. The officers were notified and Thursday the bodies of the two men were discovered in the cleanup house a quarter of a mile away from the mine home.

Mr. and Mrs. Scanlan were each shot twice, Snyder once and young Scanlan once. There were powder burns on Scanlan's body.

A stretcher was built and used by the officers to carry the bodies of Scanlan, II, and Snyder up the steep mountainside to the house, where they were loaded with the other two bodies into a pickup truck and driven to Sleighville House. A. M. Holmes of Nevada City, mortician, who was called to take charge of the bodies, had parked his hearse at Sleighville House and with other officers had walked five miles into the mine.

The mystery of a fifth person was cleared when Snyder's widow informed Sheriff Johnson that a man formerly employed there had left a week or two previous to the murders, the time of which was set between February 23rd and February 25th.

Acting Coroner C. W. Robbins will hold the inquest into the deaths of the four some time this week in Downieville.

The bodies of the three Scanlans are to be cremated in Sacramento at East Lawn and funeral rites held later. Local arrangements were handled by the Holmes Funeral Home. The body of Snyder was sent to Nevada, Missouri, for interment.

Snyder was employed as a welder at the property and lived at North San Juan with his wife and three children.

The Scanlan family resided in Sierra and Nevada Counties for the past six or seven years. Scanlan was in charge of operations at the Bradley-Turner Mine, which was being equippedfor large scale operations.

**Sierra County officers today said there was no evidence to support the belief of Miss Ethel Scanlan, aunt of Charles Scanlan, III, that the tragedy at the Bradley-Turner Mine was a quadruple murder caused by a person or persons intent on robbery.**

**Miss Scanlan said she will never be made to believe the younger Scanlan, 20, had shot his father, mother and A. B. Boyd and then killed himself.**

**Sheriff Dewey Johnson of Sierra County stated the cleanup of the sluice boxes at the Bradley-Turner property had not yet been made and there was no indication of a robbery motive for the slayings.**

**An inquest into the deaths is scheduled to be conducted tonight in Downieville by Acting Coroner C. W. Robbins.**

## Army Officer States Camp To Help County

H. F. Sofge and Judge George Gildersleeve, representing the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce yesterday received assurances that in all probability the army cantonment will be of benefit to Nevada County. They were received by Cap. Franklin Fish, of the U. S. Army Quartermaster's department, in lieu of Col. Hunter, who could not meet the committee owing to the fact that he was called to Washington a few days ago.

Capt. Fish stated that the chief handicap of this localit as a place of residence for workers building the cantonment and for officers families after the cantonment was built was rubber shortage and the consequent difficulty of obtaining transportation. He thought however, in view of the better living conditions that a number of workers and officers families would prefer to live in Nevada City. He stated that Marysville was making no effort to supply trailer camps for the workers to be employed. Most of the workers he said lived in trailer camps adjacent to construction work carred on by the army. They are thus able to follow up these projects with their families, and never are handicapped by lack of housing.

He stated that since Nevada City and Grass Valley are but 12 to 16 miles from the edge of the cantonment, he thought there might be a number of families who would make their homes in Nevada County.

He stated that there will be no colored troops quartered at the encampment. During the construction period when upwards of 5000 workers are employed the payroll will be approximately a million dollars a month and after the soldiers, 31,000 of them arrive the payroll will approximate the same amount.

At present there is no intention on the part of the cantonment authorities to establish bus lines, but later on they may have to reconsider this matter.

## Caught in the Riffles

What's the trouble between Chief of Police Max Solaro and Councilman John R. Ivey?

That's a burning question, especially after what occurred last night. Solaro won't talk. He said to let Dr. Ivey do the explaining.

**Sheriff Dewey Johnson of Sierra County ocassionally has to make a business trip to Loyalton, located on the northern end of the county.**

**When the Yuba Pass road is closed the Sierra official has to travel 250 miles to reach Loyalton, which is only 50 miles away from Downieville via the Yuba Pass Summit.**

**The peculiar thing about it, Johnson is forced to travel the 250 miles but goes through two states and half a dozen counties.**

**The route carries from Sierra into Yuba County, Yuba into Nevada, Nevada into Placer, then back into Nevada, then into Sierra, then into Nevada state, then into Plumas and Lassen Counties and finally back into Sierra County.**

Houses of prostitution in this city closed, at least for the duration of the war, last night.

Local authorities were acting on the orders of army officials. Similar action was taken in Marysville, other neighboring communities some time ago, and follows the general rule of closing the places in the vicinity of army activity.

It was presumed Grass Valley received the same orders as the Nevada City officers.

The bull dog of Mrs. Maurice Packer at the Bottle Shop caused a little excitement Saturday night when he dragged the magazine rack in front of the Dickerman Drug Store down as far as the entrance to the National Hotel, scattering magazines in all directions.

The bull dog apparently wanted to show off his strength to his mistress, who had tied him to the rack and believed he was out of mischief.

You've heard the story of a guy entrusted with a $20 bill to go to the bank to get changed, haven't you? Well, anyway, the story ends up with the guy going south with the twenty.

That, dear readers, actually happened in Grass Valley a days ago. Joe Martin was the victim.

Sluicings: The Leland Smith twins, students at the local high school, are working weekends at Soda Springs and using the money to buy defense bonds. J. J. Jackson got a painful blow on the head Friday night when in the course of his duties, he closed the door at the Miners Foundry and one of the wheels on the door rollers came off. A stitch was taken to close the wound. Congressman Harry L. Englebright probably doesn't know it but there are many right in his home town anxious to see him have opposition at the polls this year. The city council election isn't far away but outside of Ben Hall and Al Bates, no candidates have announced they will seek election. Two vacancies occur in April.

**Visitor Here Saturday—**

District Attorney A. J. Just of Sierra County, was a Nevada City visitor Saturday.

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## GOING MY WAY?

"Thanks for the buggy ride," sounded quaint a few years ago when people were singing it, but if tires and gasoline and automobile use in general are not carefully conserved from now on, we may be thanking someone for the buggy ride—in earnest.

It has been pointed out by those who know that if we do away with all pleasure travel in 1942, and confine our uses of the automobile to imperative needs, we can save approximately 10 billions of gallons of gasoline and roughly 10 million tires. And the simplest, most obvious way to help in this conservation problem is to start doubling up on transportation to and from work.

## TOM MOONEY DIES

Death came Friday to Tom Mooney, a forgotten man, and the news of it created hardly a ripple in a world that had long since passd him by.

For 22 years, Tom Mooney had been a "cause celebre" of militant labor throughout the world. He had been a political issue, a subject of legislative debate, the center of congressional investigations. He was the imprisoned hero of mass meetings, the cause of riots in a then-revolting Russia.

But all that ended on January 7, 1939. That was the day when Governor Olson opened the San Quentin prison gates and permitted Tom Mooney to walk out a free and pardoned man.

From that day, the world lost interest in Mooney. So while he was withering away in the hospital no one but immediate family and friends really cared and when he died his obituary made a big splash in the labor press, because of his one-time symbolic value, and in the metropolitan press, because of its human interest. But that was all.

Why was it that the world so quickly lost interest in Tom Mooney?

The answer is that the world never had any interest in Mooney, as a man, but only in Mooney as a symbol of martrydom. When the prison gate opened, he no longer was a martyr, and hence no longer a symbol of anything.

If Tom Mooney had died in prison, his martyrdom would have been inmortal. As it turned out, the world had a chance to see what a really unimportant individual he was.

Mooney was never more than an obscure labor leader, until the explosion of a home-made bomb during the 1916 San Francisco Preparedness parade catapulted him into international prominence.

And while he was engaged in his 22-year old fight for freedom all of the labor gains for which he had worked in a small way had come to pass in the routine course of events. So Mooney came out of prison into a world that had long since passed him by.

Mooney's last days in prison were the smashing climax to his career as a martyr. Floodlights played on him and newsreel cameras recorded the event in an atmosphere that Governor Olson had stage-managed like a Hollywood premiere.

Then Mooney took part in a couple of labor parades, addressed a few meetings—and quietly passed into oblivion.

In prison, Tom Mooney was a menace to the public security as a symbolic rallying point for militant laborites and wild-eyed radicals on every continent. Out of prison he was an unimportant nobody—and thus he died.

## JUST WONDERIN'

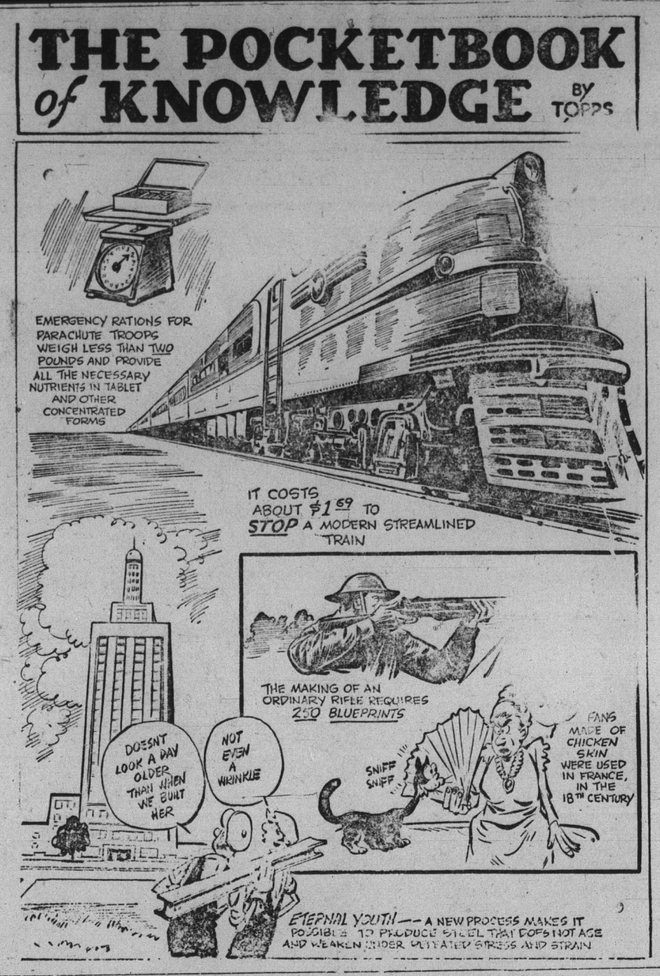
I wonder at the ones who set the styles,
Or instigate a habit or a fad.
Sometimes they lead to something very good,
At other times to something very bad.
And now, that gentle spring is close at hand,
With all her various graces and her wiles,
May Zeus, himself preserve us as we make
Our choices from among, "prevailing styles."

I wonder at the avidity with which certain styles, habits and fads, are seized upon and made popular by an imitative public and at the curious preferences so often displayed for the conspicious and bizarre in dress and manners. Think of hoop skirts and their long reign of terror. Bustles, too, and the ornate boxes once carried by courtly gentlemen of old, for sniffing and sneezing purposes only.

Hoop skirts, bustles and snuff boxes are now obsolete, together with wigs, the Grecian bend and all enveloping bathing suits. We dub them "awful!" And wonder how they ever got their start.

Oh, it is not difficult to start a style, a habit or a fad. In fact, it is all too easy. In our own time we have seen women discard their long tresses and take to smoking, adopt one-piece bathing suits and rejoice in summer tan which would have driven grandma to the seclusion of her closet. Now, some of our modern styles, habits and fads are good and some are bad, and of course we hope that in time, the bad ones will fade from the picture and the good ones survive.

There are some fads against which the general public holds out. These particular ones fail to catch on; Al Smith's derby for instance; the men of the nation smiled and went their way to purchase for themselves all sorts of head gear, becoming or otherwise, as individual taste dictated. The whiskers of Chief Justice Hughes met with but few imitators, and now, I do hope that Mrs. Roosevelt's black cotton stockings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will meet the same scarcity of followers. Why force the season. Merchants still have silk stockings to sell, rayon is not taboo and if the time ever comes when cotton must be worn by those who seek to do all of their patriotic duty, the women of America will adopt the new order and buy cotton. A preview of black cotton hosiery is not as yet necessary and I do wish the First Lady wouldn't stress her patriotism in this particular manner.

Many half forgotten things come straying back into our minds at the present time. For instance: years ago, I found a horror tale in the home library and read it despite the shivers it produced. This story had to do with a savage tribe of South Sea Islanders and their primitive weapons, the cord and krease. The cord, weighted at one end and skillfully thrown, would coil about the throat of its victim and finish his carer in short order; the krease, or crease, a most wicked knife was also used with killing effect. Now, we are told that the members of a Filipino tribe, lacking sufficient supplies of guns and ammuntion, are fighting the invading Japs with their ancient weapons, the cord and krease. Is the entire world running circles? I wonder.

Uncle Silas says: "Hitler wants to launch a spring drive, but the Russians say 'let's have it now.' These red soldiers are like time and tide, they wait for no man."—A. Merriam Conner.

### Emergency Vehicles Allowed Some Light During Blackouts

SACRAMENTO, March 9—A modification of blackout lighting regulations to permit a small amount of driving light for emergency vehicles was announced today by James M. Carter, Director of Motor Vehicles.

Under prior regulations lights on emergency vehicles provided no illumination whatever but served only as a warning to approaching pedestrians or vehicles.

The modification will allow statutory and permitted emergency vehicles to use a white or amber driving light of special design approved by the department. Statutory emergency vehicles — ambulances, police cars, fire cars, etc., in addition may display a very small red front light of special design approved by the department.

The beam of the driving light shall be aimed so that the top edge of the high intensity portion shall strike the road at least 75 feet and not more than 100 feet from the front of the vehicle. The lower edge of the high intensity portion may not strike the road less than ten feet in front of the vehicle.

Carter explained that no direct light will be visible from the air and that the candle power employed will be less than one per cent of that used for normal driving.

The modification was ordered because of numerous accidents involving both statutory and permitted emergency cars operated during recent blackouts and has the approval of the military authorities and the State Council of Defense, Carter said.

Lists of approved blackout driving lights will be provided by the Highway Patrol as soon as possible, Carter said, but they will not be ready until the numerous devices submitted have been tested and given official approval.

Bride—"That chicken I bought yesterday had no wishbone."

Butcher—"Well, it was a perfectly contented chicken and had nothing to wish for."

Sane operation lengthens the life of automotive equipment. Have you considered how you may replace tires or other equipment damaged in a traffic accident?

## THINKING OUT LOUD

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some place where they can't follow their natural bent. If they are moved out of California we shall certainly see the price of vegetables soar. We need not consider too closely whether the Japs would like it or not. As between guards over them while working in their vegetable patches, and the desert with nothing much to do, probably the Japs would prefer the vegetables. But their preference of course is not the deciding factor at the moment. What we would gain is the controlling factor, and that would be vegetables as usual, at no higher prices than the cost of the extra guards would require. The Japs have to be guarded wherever they are.

We freely admit we do not feel so sentimental about the Japs as we once did. We recognize that for them the desert, even, is an evidence of our natural softness. But when we think of moving them all away from their vegetable industry, we think this is helping Hirorito more than it does us. For the more people must pay for vegetables the less money they will have for war bonds. We believe it would be sound economy to keep the Japs growing vegetables under guard. We can stand seeing onions soar into the zenith, but we would hate to see our noble beans capering about like those lowly Mexican jumping beans.

### Former Resident Dies In San Francisco

The death in San Francisco Saturday o Abraham Blumenthal, 96, who formerly operated a dry goods store here, was learned this week.

Blumenthal was the oldest member of the Oustomah Lodge, IOOF, of this city. The deceased had been a member of the local lodge for the past 69 years.

His wife, Tillie, die a year ago.

A soldier back from field duty recently told of hearing two Jersey mosquitoes talking outside his tent. They had just killed a horse.

"We'd better eat it right here," said one of them. "If we take it home, a couple of big guys might grab it."

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

**UNITY**

Men's hearts ought not to be set one against another, but set with one another, and all against evil only.—Carlyle.

The multitude which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion; the unity which does not depend upon the multitude is tyranny.—Pascal.

Individuals, as nations, unite harmoniously on the basis of justice, and this is accomplished when self is lost in love—of God's own plan of salvation.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Our doctrine of egality and liberty and humanity comes from our belief in the brotherhood of man, through the fatherhood of God.—Calvin Coolidge.

Whoever in prayer can say, "Our Father," acknowledges and should feel the brotherhood of the whole race of mankind.—Tyron Edwards.

Jesus throws down the dividing prejudices of nationality, and teaches universal love, without distinction of race, merit or rank—Geikie.

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The average value of the ore was $13.02 per ton, and over one and one half million tons were crushed during the year at a cost for mining and milling of $3.68.

Taxes paid the state and federal government totaled $4,160,000, while dividends paid amounted to $9,041,000.

Homestake has developed reserve ores to the extent of over 19 millions tons, or sufficient to warrant the future life of the mine, on the basis of 1941 extraction, to at least another 13 years. Development in depth continues on the 5000 foot level.

### TO ELECT OFFICERS

The election of new officers of the Nevada City Business and Professional Women's Club will be held at Wednesday night's meeting. A large attendance is expected at the meeting.

### LEAVE FOR HAPPY CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Manciu left for Happy Camp, where Manciu will be employed at the Gray Eagle Mine for the Empire-Star Mines, Ltd. Mrs. Manciu, formerly Vernie Deschwanden, is a Nevada City high school graduate.

### Down From Bloomfield—

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark were in Nevada City Saturday. Clark is manager of the Relief Hill Mine near North Bloomfield.

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## TRAILER VAGABOND

By WARREN BAYLEY

This feature appears through the courtesy of O. K. Tire Weld Co. G. R. (Red) Jarrard, Hills Flat, Grass Valley, California.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

From Feb. 15th to 22nd last, Texas celebrated Statehood Week. Ninety six years ago on Feb. 19th, she became the 28th state of the nation and a pig was the cause of it all.

It has long been my contention that animals have never been given due credit for the part they have played in our nation's history. It was no minor role— a cow kicked over a lantern and caused the great Chicago fire—two hunting state officials sat down to rest and decided the place would make a good site for the first Illinois state capital—a hunter chased a wounded bear into a hole and discovered Mammoth Cave—a pig rooted in a neighbor's yard and gave us a territory much larger than Germany—and a lot better.

We owe a lot to this little porker. Without his (this is a man's world) assistance, Texas might have remained an independent republic and today we would be shipping her arms under the lend lease act. Here is the story as told to me by Melissa A. Castle, a free lance writer and Director of Research for the Texas Centennial held 6 years ago.

Prior to obtaining her independence from Mexico in 1836, the lot of Texas had been a sad one. For two centuries France and Spain had squabbled over the possession. With her establishment as an independent nation which was quickly recognized by France, England and Holland, her skies assumed a grighter hue. Only 2 clouds darkened the horizon, lack of money and frontier protection.

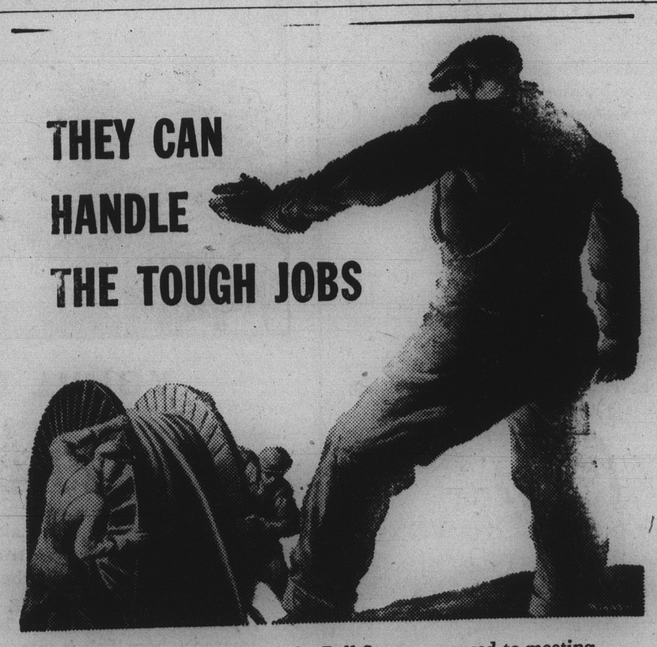
To secure the former would insure the latter. A special ambassador with full powers was dispatched to France. A loan of $5,000,000 was arranged. The future seemed assured for the Lone Star Republic.

Back in Texas, at what is new 6th and Congress in Austin, a certain Squire Bullock maintained a hotel. As was the custom, he kept a pig. Across the street from the Squires hotel lived a special representative of the King of France. He specialized in raising corn. History was in the making.

When the King's man Friday discovered a number of porkers in his corn patch, he promptly ordered his servant to start shooting. The servant obeyed and among the casualties was Squire Bullock's winter pork chops. The Squire couldn't see the joke, and, in true Texas fashion, promptly kicked the servant in the pants and took the King's man by the scruff of the neck. The Frenchman sued in the courts, but even in those days Texans did not take kindly to killing a neighbor's pig. He lost the case, demanded his papers and departed for home. He also succeeded in having the loan canceled.

Because of a lack of funds the Republic of Texas asked and obtained authority to annex herself to the U. S. A. We gained not only Texas but parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Not a bad job, for one pig.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# TAXES, FREIGHTS, LABOR COSTS ARE FARM HANDICAP

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

The State Railroad Commission, probing for inormation on freight movements, has turned the spotlight on the fact that shipments of many California farm products have declined sharply in recent years.

And the newly-elected president of the Commission, Justus Craemer of Orange, accompanies his report on the drop in shipments from this state with some interesting and challenging observations as to factors contributing to the decline.

Admittedly, says Mr. Craemer, the California grower is at a disadvantage in shipping costs, due to his greater distance from the big Eastern markets. The freight cost on a carload shipment of fresh vegetables from California to New York is almost twice that of a shipment from Florida, for example. And the average cost of a carload of oranges delivered in New York from California is about $600 while a carload shipped from Florida costs less than half that much.

But the California farmer, Mr. Craemer points out, has always had to hurdle the barrier of greater distance and, at the present time, he asserts, "The West enjoys most favorable freight rates, particularly on its agricultural movements to the east, when volume and distance are considered."

What, then, are the major factors contributing to the decline in shipments of many California commodities?

Let Mr. Craemer answer the question in his own words. He reports:

"First, let's look at the California farmer's labor costs as compared to similar costs in competing states. The California grower pays in excess of $70 for his average monthly labor wage. In New Jersey we find that level slightly above $55; in New York state it has fallen below $50; in Texas it is a shade above $25; in Florida below $25; and so on down until you get to Georgia with a labor cost as low as $16.

"Second, let's look at tax costs. Our per capita tax eight years ago in California was $85.06. In 1940, it was $137.74, while the national average was only $109. California residents paid 25 per cent more in taxes than the national per capita average. Among all states, California tops the tax list. Our national per capita tax this year will be about $180 and in California it will exceed $225—and next year, it is estimated, it will be $325."

Higher labor costs and higher taxes have combined to increase the California farmer's costs of doing business, according to the Craemer report, and as a consequence he has been forced to step up the price he must get for his commodities. The ability of farmers in other states to produce for less—and sell for less—has undoubtedly been the biggest single factor in cutting down the demand for California products in the highly competitive wholesale and retail markets, according to Mr. Craemer. But the responsibility for higher production costs can not be laid at the door of the California farmer. Taxes and labor costs—two "fixed charges" the farmer can't reduce by more efficient operation — are the trouble makers.

"There is still another factor of importance," reports the railroad commissioner. "When growers in the South and Middle West received payments from the government for retiring acres from production, they were under no limitation to prevent them from producing other commodities which directly compete with us. Truck and vegetable crop acreages increased in the rest of the United States, all to the detriment of the California grower. In the poultry industry, egg shipments from California to Eastern markets in 1929 totaled in excess of 2,000 cars. In 1940 shipments stood at exactly 200 cars—a 90 per cent decline. While California shipments declined, we find that the Midwest States particularly have shown an increase in volume of shipments—and this in face of the fact that the rails have reduced rates on egg shipments by nearly 30 t 40 jer cent during this period. It is not a pleasant picture, but it is better to face it: The idle acres of the East and South, and the lower labor and tax costs of those areas, have all resulted in a great loss to California growers."

California farmers, in face of those facts, may get a more sympathetic and understanding audience when they complain against excessive taxes and excessive labor costs in this state. Farmers, of course, have known the facts, but the public at large has not. The Railroad Commission has rendered a splendid service in making them public.

# Supply Pool Proposed To Help Mining

Officials of the two largest operating mining companies in Nevada County said they have not yet been consulted regarding a proposed state wide pooling of supplies and resources to alleviate some of the expected difficulties to be encountered by the gold mining industry as the result of the change in their priority setup.

General Manager Albert Crase of the Idaho-Maryland Mines Corporation, which for the past two years has been the leading producer of gold in California, said he has heard nothing about it.

John R. Mann, general manager of the Empire-Star Mines, Ltd., properties, the Empire, North Sta, Pennsylvania, Murche and Zeibright, said also the plan is new to him and added to date he sees no need for it.

"The priority change is not as bad as first believed," Mann said. "When the full particulars are learned there probably will be no cause for concern at all."

# S. F. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PLAY IN SACTO.

The next event in the Sacramento Music Series will be the appearance of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra in Memorial Auditorium, on March 13th. Pierre Monteux, director of the San Francisco symphony, will present his orchestra in a well arranged program of symphonic classics.

Monteux, who has directed major European symphonies as well as the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and the Boston Symphony, is now serving in his seventh year with the San Francisco aggregation, which now numbers eighty six.

The San Francisco symphony has had a long and colorful history. On December 28, 1911, the first concert of the present organization was given under the auspices of the Musical Association of San Francisco, an incorporated body with Henry Hadley as conductor. During the following four years the orchestra gave from ten to twenty concerts each season.

The well beloved Alfred Hertz, who was in San Francisco to direct a series of Beethoven festival performances, next was engaged as regular conductor, and remained for fifteen years.

In the summer of 1935 Monteux was engaged as permanent conductor.

Reservations for the Sacramento performance of the San Francisco Symphony, on the Music Series, are being made now at the Ware-Hazelton box office at Weinstock-Lubin's.

F. M. Tourtellotte and his wife, who own property in Willow Valley, are here for a few days. Tourtellotte is a machinist with the Southern Edison Company.

He who steals my purse steals trash, wrote a philosopher. But he who steals my tires steals cash. And how! Have you taken down the serial numbers yet?

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Nevada on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1942 for the election of the following officers for the full term of four years.

City Councilman.
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City Treasurer.
City Clerk.

There will be two voting precincts for the purpose of holding said election, consisting of the consolidation of the regular election precincts established for holding State or County Elections as follows: Consolidated Voting Precinct A, comprising State and County precincts 2, 4 and 5, and Consolidated Voting Precinct B, comprising State and County precincts 1 and 3.

Polling places for said Consolidated Precincts A shall be the City Hall on Broad Street and for said Consolidated Precinct B, shall be the office of E. J. N. Ott, 130 Main Street. The polls shall be open from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Election officers for Consolidated Election Precinct A are as follows: Judge, Grace Cleland; inspector, Mrs. Martha Dillon; clerks, Mrs. Clara Phillips and Mrs. Minnie Sandow. Consolidated Election Precinct B: Judge, Mrs. Mary Hoskins; inspector, Mrs. Tom White; clerks, Mrs. Luther Marsh and R. E. Carr.

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# COORINATING COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Nevada City Co-ordinating Council was held Wednesday with the following officers elected for the new term:

President, Fred Garrison. Vice-President, Elise DeMatei. Secretary, Mrs. D. S. Bonebrake. Financial Chairman, Harry F. Sofge.

Mrs. Edward T. Bonner, who has been president of the organization for the past three years resigned. Her faithful work was appreciated by the organization members who asked her to take over the reins again. Fred C. Garrison, who has been secretary of the council since its organization, accepted the Presiency temporarily until April 1st, Mrs. Gertrude Odegaard, financial chairman also resigned.

The group voted to offer Dr. W. W. Reed and his Health and Sanitation committee their support in starting a Nevada City blood bank.

The organization also voted 100 per cent support of the Chamber of Commerce's plans to have the city park improved.

## Martines Receive Word Of Murray Pryor Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martine of this city have learned of the marriage of Mrs. Martine's brother, Murray Pryor, a frequent visitor here, to Miss Evelyn Stephens of Woodland. The marriage occurred in Reno, last week.

Pryor for several years was assistant agricultural commissioner of Colusa County and last fall accepted a similar position in Yolo County.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stephens, prominent citizens of Woodland.

## WILL SPEAK AT NAVY RALLY

Tomorrow night will be Navy Rally night in Grass Valley and Nevada Cityans are planning to attend the rally, which will be held in the Veterans Memorial Building in large numbers.

The purpose of the rally is to present to the public the manner in which the navy is fighting the war, Lieutenant M. O. Atkinson, left and Ensign Richard Gunn, right, will speak on the program and will assist in the showing of a 45 minute picture, "The Bombing of Pearl Harbor."

## ORLANDO McCRANEY ADDRESSES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECRETARIES

Fifteen secretaries from Chambers of Commerce in Northern California attended the meeting in Sacramento Friday of the newly organized Northern California C. of C. Secretaries Association.

The group heard two addresses on the subject of priorities and the War Production effort and held an enthusiastic round table discussion of problems which occur in the various communities they represent.

From Nevada City, Secretary H. F. (Si) Sofge was in attendance. Sofge said the opinion of the chamber secretaries is that the organizations are of more service to their communities in war time than during perios of peace.

The monthly meetings of the chamber secretaries gives them a chance to exchange ideas and learn how things are done in various other communities. Sofge considers the information he has secured at the two meetings held so far very invaluable.

Orlando McCraney, formerly of this city and now War Production director for Northern California, was the principal speaker at Friday's meeting. His address brought to his listeners much valuable information regarding the securing of defense projects in small communities and The Nugget in the near future, will print the talk in full.

Regarding the Civilian Air Patrol, the secretaries learned necessary information can be obtained from Bertram Rhine, Wing Commander of the patrol. Rhine's address is 732 Citizen National Bank Building, Los Angeles.

The association meetings are held in the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce rooms, which are donated for the purpose.


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## EVERYONE URGED TO ATTEND NAVY RALLY IN GRASS VALLEY

Nevada City civic, service and fraternal organizations have joined with those in Grass Valley in urging the attendance of every one possible at the Navy Rally, which will be held tomorrow night in the Veteran Memorial Building in Grass Valley.

There will be two naval officers present to speak on "The Navy and Total War" and "Battleships vs. Bombers." A 45 minute motion picture, "The Bombing of Pearl Harbor," will also be shown.

The purpose of the rally is to show the public the navy's part and activities in the war insofar as possible without revealing military secrets.

## MRS. A. D. HUGHES ARRIVES SAFELY FROM SINGAPORE

Friends of Mrs. A. D. Hughes have received a message from her announcing her safe arrival in San Francisco. It will be remembered that Mr. Hughes, quite well known in Nevad City, operated a drag line on the Middle Fork of the Yuba River near the Delhi Mine several years ago.

Later he had charge of large dredge operations at LaGrange, near Modesto, wherein his company obtained a loan of some $600,000 for equipment to treat a large area of gravel.

Mr. Hughes left LaGrange to manage tin mines on the Malay Peninsula and he and Mrs. Hughes made their home at Kuala Lumpur, the tin and rubber capital north of Singapore.

The Hughes left California two years ago last June and had made all arrangements to leave Singapore for Nevada City on the tenth of last December only to be frustrated by the Jap invasion just three days too soon.

Mr. Hughes is in New York having traveled a different route, but both he and his wife will shortly be visiting their many frinds in Nevada City and will no doubt have an interestng story to tell of their escape from Singapore.

## CIVIC CLUB TO RENDER PROGRAM ON TUESDAY

The Nevada City Women's Civic Club will hold a meeting tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Paul Kemper on Nevada Street at 2:30 p. m. It will be a program meeting with Mrs. J. B. Moorhead of Marysville as the guest speaker. Mrs. Moorhead is the president of the Northern District of Federated Women's Clubs of California. Following the program refreshments and a social time will be enjoyed. Mrs. Arthur Hoge, Sr., Mrs. E. B. Dudley, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Charles Elliott compose the committee of arrangements.

## —Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church. The regular Lenten midweek service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30. Mr. Porter will read the Litany service, followed by a short instructive talk and the Question Box. Music is under the direction of Mrs. Carl Libbey. Mrs. Fred Anderson, organist.

On Sunday, March 15, Bishop Noel Porter will be at Trinity for a celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon at the 11 o'clock service. Bishop Porter will speak to the Sunday School children at 9:45.

## Nevada County Boy Scout Wins National Honor

A Glenbrook Heights youth was one of five boys throughout the United States to be honored by the Boy Scouts of America for heroism.

The Glenbrook Heights Boy Scout, Carter Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dennis, will be presented the Certificate for Heroism at the next Court of Honor held in Grass Valley.

Dennis, an Eagle Scout with Troop 4 in Grass Valley, recued an unidentified girl, about 18 years of age, from drowning in Lake Van Geisen, July 19, 1940. The Scout was on an outing at the resort with his parents. The girl was one of a vacation group from a neighboring state unknown to the Scout and his parents.

A number of persons were swimming from and near a float sixty yards from shore when a young lady was seen struggling midway between the float and shore. A man reached the girl but failed to bring her toward shore. Scout Dennis, quickly swam to the scene and asked the man to let him take over. He complied and the Scout swam with her to shore, using the cross chest carry. The party of young persons refused to give their names, fearing parental disapproval for further swimming excrusions.

## MAN PAST 100 WHEN HE DIED

W. Lewis Tupper, who died at the Nevada County Hospital here Friday, was probably the oldest resident of the county. At the time of his death, Tupper was 101 years of age.

The deceased was born in Nova Scotia on May 24, 1840. He had been a resident of Nevada County for the past 32 years.

Private funeral services were held at the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary in Grass Valley Saturday afternoon. Cremation was at East Lawn in Sacramento.

Tupper was survived by a son, John Tupper, Grass Valley soda fountain proprietor.

## VERDA ANN YUEN OF NEVADA CITY WEDS HERBERT WONG

Miss Verda Ann Yuen of Nevada City became the bride recently in Reno, of Herbert Wong of San Diego.

The couple enjoyed a dinner reception held in San Francisco during the week end and another dinner at the bride's home in Nevada City.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yuen Chuckson of this city and attended the local high school where she had been a very active student. She is a graduate with the class of 1941 and well known in this community.

The groom's parents live in China and he is employed in a dry goods store as department manager in San Diego.

The young couple are making their home in San Diego following a brief honeymoon which was spent around the San Francisco bay region.

Drunk driving statistics show "one more quick one" at the bar often means one more dead one at the curve, declares the California Highway Patrol.

## Mrs. Esther Mourer Sentenced To Term At Teharhapi Prison

After denying pobation to Mrs. Esther Mourer, 37, local nurse, Superior Judge George L. Jones Saturday sentenced her to serve an indeterminate term in Tehachapi Prison for women.

Mrs. Mourer, who worked at the Miners Hospital here under the name of Mrs. Esther Kelly, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of narcotics, and asked for probation.

Judge Jones in sentencing the woman remarked that apparently she was not addicted to the drug but was taking it from the supply at the Miners Hospital for other purposes.

**Visit Here Week—**

Mrs. Ed Johnson of San Francisco spent the past week here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Guenther, and other relatives.

## CHMA To Meet In North San Juan

The California Hydraulic Miners Association will holds its April meeting in North San Juan. H. E. Sofge and George Gildersleeve were appointed by the assocation at its meeting in Auburn yesterday to make suitable arrangements.

Mrs. George Legg and Mrs. Martha Hogue are enjoying a vacation at Palm Springs. Sunday they visited Tom Legg who is in training in San Diego.

Mrs. Cedric Porter is visiting her parents in Pasadena.

Miss Helen Chapman who is at the Miners Hospital having broken her leg while skiing some weeks ago is making a very fine recovery and hopes to be about in a few weeks.

Loose talking and loose driving belong in the same class these days —both help the enemy.


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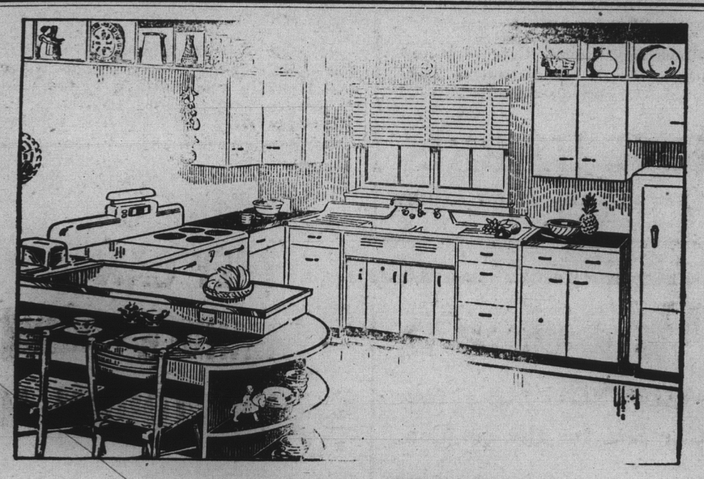


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